

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3377  
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NEW DRUG POLICY  
SHEELA GAUTAM

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the New Drug Policy is aimed to improve Siddha and Ayurveda systems of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote these systems?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b): No new drug policy has been announced for Ayurveda and Siddha systems of medicine. However, recently Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) have been notified under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 which lay down minimum standards in terms of space, equipment, manpower, hygiene and cleanliness.

(c): Steps have been taken to upgrade teaching institutes, augment research, drugs standardisation, involvement of these systems in health care delivery system and national programmes and dissemination of information and propagation through Information Communication & Education (IEC) activities.